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AWFUL SUSPENSE.

Awaiting Tidings of the Fate of Imprisoned Miners.

Thirty Workmen Shut in by a Torrent of Water from Hidden Lands.

NANTICOKE, Pa., December 18.—The dropping out of the bottom of a large swamp, covering several acres, and filled with millions of gallons of water accumulated from the late heavy snows and rains, caused the flooding of No. 1 Slope of the Susquehanna Coal Company, that will most likely be attended with terrible loss of life, as upward of thirty men and boys are now imprisoned in the slope, from which there seems no escape except by digging a tunnel to them. Two hundred and fifty other miners and boys were at work in the slope when the rushing torrents came in upon them. Men dropped their picks and shovels, and drivers and door-boys abandoned their places, and hurried to the mine outlets through which they could reach the surface. The water rushing through the gangways was accompanied by tons of coal dirt and heavy mine timber, which had been torn from their places by the force of the current. As the workmen entered the gangway to escape the water was up to their waists. It was impossible for the men to keep their feet, and they were swept along with the torrent until they secured firm holds on the walls and recovered their footholds. Several lives are supposed to have been lost in the gangway, but who they are can not be learned until all the men who escaped have reported to the mining boss. Another lot of men in trying to escape, found the main opening to their working place clogged up with debris, and they were compelled to retrace their steps until they reached the foot of the air shaft, when ropes were lowered to them, and one by one they were raised to the surface, where they were received with joyous shouts of welcome by thousands of people who had gathered. As soon as possible an alarm was sounded at Nos. 1 and 2 shafts, the workings of which are connected with those of the slope, and are of much greater depth. The workmen were removed as speedily as possible, and all were out before any water came into either shaft. All males and some material had been removed. Around the fan house at the slope, where all news from the mine is received, are gathered nearly two thousand people to-night waiting for some tidings that will tell them the fate of those imprisoned below. Superintendent Morgan is busy issuing instructions to volunteer relief corps, who are now engaged in driving a tunnel to the rescue of the men. With children in their arms, aged fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, are tearfully watching every throb of the ponderous fan which is sending pure air into the mine. Their bleached and haggard-looking faces denote intense suffering, but they hope against hope. Nothing will be left undone that will save the men if they are still alive.

Destructive Fires.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., December 17.—A fire broke out last night in Hubbard's warehouse on the dock and was destroyed together with the warehouse of Benedict & Co. A blacksmith's shop, and a number of other buildings, entailing an aggregate loss of \$450,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 17.—James W. Cooper's cabinet-making factory, this city, was burned to-day. Loss, \$300,000; insurance \$200,000.

CINCINNATI, O., December 18.—Geo. Feldkamp & Bro's chair factory, located in the bottom, was completely gutted by fire last night. Loss about \$30,000. At 4:45 this morning fire was discovered in the Ware Vinegar Factory, on Third street, near Grand Central depot. The fire originated in the furnace room. At this hour—4:15 there is no hope of saving the factory. Once or twice the fire was communicated to the shed of the Grand Central Depot, but was extinguished without loss.

Underground Wires in Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 18.—There are, as nearly as can be estimated, about 15,000 miles of wire in Chicago used by the telephone, telegraph and electric light companies. Last December there were shown to be about 1,100 miles of wire underground. Since then the work has been actively going on, and during the present year, it is estimated that at least one year will place all the wires throughout the city there.

Treasonable Utterances.

MADRID, December 18.—The Queen Regent to-day refused an audience to the Duke of Saville, cousin to the late King. The Duke was thoroughly angered by the refusal of the Queen to receive him, and has openly and publicly spoken in abuse of her. He boasts that Queen Christina was forced to relinquish the Regency, and that ex-Queen Isabel will replace her. These declarations have caused a sensation of no small interest in Madrid, and it is very probable that the Duke will be prosecuted for disloyal utterances.

A Would-be Suicide of Twelve Years.

NEW YORK, December 18.—For the third time John Hannon, aged twelve years, was arraigned before Justice Smith in the Police Court this morning charged with attempting to take his own life by hanging. The father of the boy stated that the boy would not go to school when sent, and when spoken to about his conduct went off and deliberately planned to end his existence. Justice Smith committed the young would-be suicide to the Catholic Protector.

An Heir to Twenty Millions.

ERIE, Pa., December 18.—Recorder Randall to-day recorded documents of great interest, it being an agreement between L. Endy and Bush & Caulfield, whereby the two latter are to manage an enormous estate left Endy by a grandfather in Germany. The fortune is estimated at \$20,000,000. The will provides for the establishment of a National Bank, a theater and a free church for the poor. The heir lives in Corry, this county.

Sentenced to be Hanged.

CARROLLTON, Mo., December 18.—The verdict of the jury in the case of the State vs. Joel Anderson and Laurel Baugh finding them guilty of murder in the first degree for the murder of John Ren, caused much surprise. They were tried before on the same charge, and were sentenced to imprisonment for life, but obtained a new trial, which resulted as above. Judge Davis yesterday sentenced them to be hanged on the 19th of March next.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

The Boiler Bursts Killing Two Men and Causing Great Destruction of Property.

NASHVILLE, TENN., December 17.—At half-past 4 this morning, people living in the neighborhood of Hart Henley's pork-packing establishment in the Ninth Ward, were aroused from their slumbers by a terrific explosion, which shook houses to their foundations on both sides of the river, and jarred the nearest inhabitants out of their beds. A large crowd soon collected. The first to enter the building were attracted to the boiler-sheds by cries for help from a pile-roller's jail whose boiler-sheds had stood. They went rapidly to work, and soon pulled from under a pile of brick James McWhirter, fireman, and Henry Warnack and Lard Wiesler. The latter was dead, and presented a most sickening sight, his face, head, hands and legs having been horribly scalded by grease that had escaped from the tank. His right arm was broken at the joint, and internal injuries have been sustained. McWhirter was alive, fatally injured, being severely bruised by falling brick and more or less scalded. Investigation showed that the grease tank located in the boiler sheds had exploded. The tank was made of boiler iron, six feet in diameter and twelve feet high, with a capacity of six barrels. No one seemed able to account for the explosion.

A NOTED DESPERADO.

Twenty-seven Burglaries and One Murder Charged Against Him—Lodged in the Rockville Jail.

ROCKVILLE, IND., December 16.—Charles Roberts, the noted desperado captured at Danville, Ill., Saturday by Detective Field, of Terre Haute, and E. S. Gregory, of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Company, was brought here this evening from the Terre Haute Jail by Sheriff Musser and two detectives by order of the County Commissioners and lodged up. He broke out of Rockville ten thousand dollars jail two years ago and escaped to Missouri, where he was located by the officers numerous times, but escaped by his desperate fighting and handy use of the revolver. He is suspected of the murder of J. R. Murphy, killed in his store at Jacksonville, Fountain County, three years ago, and robbed of \$1,500. No evidence could be found against Roberts until a year ago, when a post-mortem was held on the body of a man who was found whole and willing to swear that Roberts was in the house at the time of the murder. Roberts says he can prove an alibi, as he committed a burglary the night of the crime. There are twenty-seven cases of burglary against him, mostly in this county. He was the leader of a gang of burglars, who have been terrorized to this part of the country many years, the majority of whom, Scott Sutherland, Bob Hall, Sam Buxton and Ike Betty, are now serving long terms in the penitentiary. He is a desperate man, and his daring deeds have terrified Western Indiana. The aggregate rewards for Roberts' arrest will probably reach \$3,000.

SIXTEEN VESSELS SUNK.

And Scores of Sailors Drowned—Terrible Work of a Cyclone in Colon.

PANAMA, December 17.—Colon has been visited by a cyclone, which has done great damage. It commenced on the 2d inst. about 2 p. m. and the next day lulled, but recommenced again with terrible severity. All the steamers in port put out to sea for safety returned, and had again to put out. The damage to property has been very heavy and the loss of life most serious. The following vessels were sunk with their crews: Holden, Karna, Bianchi Ortalan, Atwood, Ariel, Victoria, Ocean, Lynton, Avon, and others. The bodies of many were recovered, but many others could not be ascertained. The rain poured down in torrents and a terrible gale of wind from the North-east. The Naval Mail new freight office was destroyed by the storm. Wharf No. 4, belonging to the Panama Railroad, is almost demolished, the rails having been torn up and the earth works destroyed by the force of the tornado.

A DETROIT TRAGEDY.

Positive Proof That Frank Knoch and His Wife Were Murdered.

DETROIT, Mich., December 17.—Yesterday's fire, in which Frank Knoch, with his wife and two children, were burned, now proves to be an appalling murder. This crime was suspected yesterday, but the finding of a revolver with all the cartridges discharged was all the evidence then secured. To-night a post-mortem examination of the bodies was made, and resulted in proof positively substantiating that theory. Bullet holes and 22-caliber bullets were found in the bodies of both Frank Knoch and his wife. No suspicion attaches to any one as yet. The funeral was held this afternoon, all four bodies being placed in a single coffin.

WITHOUT A PARALLEL.

An Iowa Man Drives Two Chisels Through His Own Head.

DEBQUE, Ia., December 17.—A case unparalleled in the history of suicides occurred here yesterday. John Mueller an old resident and proprietor of a small marble shop, was observed to be acting strangely running about and gesticulating wildly. About 9 o'clock an expressman drove up to his door to take a monument to the cemetery, and was horrified to see two stone cutters sticking into Mueller's head, which he asked the expressman to drive in further. Mueller had driven one chisel about seven inches long through his head, just in front of the top of the ears. After doing this he drove another one through the center of his forehead to the depth of two inches. Physicians were summoned and the chisels extracted. He is still alive but in a comatose condition. The surgeons say he will die. The act is one due to imbecility.

Prohibition in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 17.—This morning, in the U. S. Court, Judge McCoy decided the contested election cases growing out of the recent prohibition election in this county. The Judge refused to continue the injunction restraining the Ordinance of the election, and decided the case against the liquor men on every point. There is in the bill adopted a provision that Georgia wines may be sold, as wines from other States were excluded. That portion of the bill Judge McCoy decided was unconstitutional and no wines could be sold.

Dying With Two Chisels in His Head.

DEBQUE, Ia., December 18.—John B. Mueller, who drove two chisels into his head with suicidal intent yesterday, died after thirty hours of the most indescribable suffering.

A FAMILY'S FATE.

Father, Mother and Two Little Ones Perish in Their Burning Home.

DETROIT, December 16.—About 2 o'clock this morning parties returning from a lodge by way of the Dix Road, just beyond the city limits, discovered the house of Frank Knoch, a German Lutheran, who kept a farm and market garden, in flames. The house was a small frame shanty, and as there were no facilities for extinguishing the fire the place was wholly consumed. When the ruins had cooled sufficiently to permit of investigation a searching party was formed. An hour's persistent search revealed the charred body of Knoch and wife. A little distance from both was found the charred body of child. Knoch's two children, George, aged three years, and Frank Albert, aged nine months, were in the house at the time, but which of these the body represented could not be ascertained owing to its condition. The fire is believed to have originated from an oil stove which had been used to heat food for the baby, who had been sick.

LATER.—Frank Knoch was known to have money in the house, which he had been saving to make some payments. The searchers in the ruins found a revolver, and it is known that Knoch never owned one. These two facts lead to the suspicion that murder was committed for the sake of robbery, and the building then fired to cover up the crime. The position in which the ashes of the family were lying would seem to oppose this suspicion. However, nothing is definitely known, everything about the house having been completely consumed. The body of the baby was not at first found, and it was thought the flames had entirely done it. Later the searchers found the crumbling ashes of what had once been the youngest child.

WHOLESALE ASSASSINATION.

Twenty of San Francisco's Most Prominent Citizens Its Intended Victims.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—A most sensational and startling plot for wholesale assassination of the most prominent men in this city came to light here late last night. Some time ago the police obtained information of the existence of an organization called the Socialistic Revolutionary Association, which, it was asserted, was composed of ultra-socialist members. A close watch was kept on their movements, and the police finally succeeded in obtaining the minutes of one of their meetings, held November 23. From these facts it was discovered that it was the intention of the association to put out of the way about twenty men, including W. T. Coleman, Congressman W. W. Morrow, General W. H. L. Barnes, Mayor Bartlett, United States Judge L. C. Sawyer, John A. McQuinn, Charles Crocker, Governor Bismarck, the principal police officials, and several others. These names were placed on the "prospective list" and placed in the hands of the Executive Committee to carry out the orders of the Association. The committee were to devise the best mode of accomplishing the ends of the base plot, and were to select the men to be assassinated. The men were taken to the city prison, when they boldly asserted that they were dynamiters, and proposed to get rid of the citizens named, and then raise Chinatown. The prisoners also belong to the German branch of the Anti-Coolie League. No charge has yet been entered against the prisoners. Further developments are expected.

A ROMANCE IN POLITICS.

The Mexican Revolution Brought About by Love for the Most Beautiful of Senoritas.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The brother of Governor Sepulveda, who is now here, says the entire difficulty in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, originated in the personal rupture between Diaz and Gonzales. Everyone in Mexico says Sepulveda knows that while Diaz was serving his first term as President, he entered into a solemn compact to shape matters that Gonzales would succeed him. Diaz faithfully fulfilled that compact, and so arranged matters in the seven great northern States that they all went to Gonzales when the election occurred. When Gonzales assumed the presidency he, in turn, made a similar compact with Diaz, that the latter should again be President. This compact also was faithfully observed, and the two Caesars thus divided Mexico. Shortly after Diaz was inaugurated last year, Gonzales approached him for a renewal of their former compact. The promise was given, so Gonzales friends declare, that the latter should again be President. In order to fulfill this compact Diaz had to leave the Northern States as he found them, viz. in the hands of Gonzales' adherents. At this point, says Senor Sepulveda, the hand of a designing woman came between the two great leaders. Diaz since his first compact had wooed and won the fairest senorita in Mexico; the only daughter of Don Manuel Romero Roblo. Unfortunately, her noble father is ambitious to be President, and therein lies the hidden secret. Roblo is now a Cabinet officer, and with the powerful influence of his daughter he has caused Diaz to violate his last compact with Gonzales, and the result is the signal of their success is the accomplished fact that Conchilla and Nuevo Leon, two powerful Gonzales States have been overthrown and seized by Diaz since his inauguration. Their apparent is now Roblo, and not Gonzales.

Type-Setting Contest.

NEW YORK, December 15.—A type-setting contest between Joseph McCann, of the Herald, and W. C. Barnes, of the World for the championship of the city and State, took place here to-day in the presence of a large number of printers. The purse contended for was \$1,000. The trial lasted four hours, beginning at 11 o'clock. The type was mince, set without paragraph. Barnes finished his first thousand lines in twenty-nine minutes and thirty seconds, and McCann completed his first thousand, twenty minutes later. At 3 o'clock time was called. McCann had set 3,063 lines and Barnes 3,051. Then each man was obliged to correct his own proofs. When the corrections had been made and the number of lines deducted which each had lost through mistakes, it was found that McCann had 7,602½ lines to his credit, and Barnes, 6,776. McCann was declared the winner.

ALL HOPE ABANDONED.

Of Saving the Miners Imprisoned in the Slope at Nanticoke.

Twenty-four Lives Almost Certainly Gone Out in the Coal Mine.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., December 20.—To-day was the gloomiest day ever witnessed in Nanticoke. Thousands of people poured into the town, in vehicles, on horseback and on foot. Hundreds of them gathered in groups around the various workings, where they discussed the situation of the imprisoned men. A message was brought here from Nanticoke this morning to the effect that William Elke had been found in the gangway, and evidently had been dead several hours. At the company's office this was denied. They state that the situation remains unchanged from that of yesterday, though they hourly expect to reach the fatal spot where the men are supposed to be. The rescuing parties are continuously at work, under direction of Superintendent Morgan. There is no hope of rescuing any of the victims alive. At 5 o'clock this evening the rescuing party struck a mass of wet sand, and forty-five additional men were sent in to remove it. At 9 o'clock an official report was received at the company's office here to the effect that the rescuing party were then within twenty feet of the fatal chamber, and were hoping to reach the imprisoned men by eleven o'clock. At 11:30 o'clock a message was brought from the rescue party that the rescuing party were then within twenty feet of the fatal chamber before to-morrow. Almost as fast as the sand is removed it fills in again, and the men are now laboring under great difficulties. No employes six hundred men and boys. Its output is the lowest of any of the Susquehanna Coal Company's workings, being but 600 car-loads per day. The loss to the company will be large, and the next three months will be consumed in making repairs. During that time the men and boys will not remain idle, but will be given work at the other collieries of the company. At 1:30 o'clock a m. a report from Nanticoke says that rescuers finally reached the place where the men were supposed to be, but the men were not found. The rescuing party are now passing forward to another chamber, with hopes of finding them in a few hours.

WHY HE DWINDLED.

A Farmer Carries a Frog in His Stomach Three Years.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., December 20.—A strange story, well authenticated, comes from Lost Creek, Calhoun County. There live in that neighborhood a respectable farmer named Joseph Dountain, who should now be in the prime of vigorous manhood. About three years since Mr. Dountain began to complain of pains in the stomach, accompanied at times with peculiar twitchings and jerks of that organ. These pains were not constant, but were worse at times when Dountain happened to go longer than usual without drinking water, of which he swallows enormous quantities. When he happened to have been at a distance from springs or streams at work, and was not enabled to get a drink for several hours, the pains and twitchings of his stomach became so severe that he was obliged to stop work and rest. His physical condition became almost a wreck. From an unusually powerful man of two hundred pounds Dountain dwindled to a mere wreck of a 105 pounds, whose only gratification and pleasure seemed to consist in supplying himself with plenty of drinking-water. A few days ago he came to the conclusion that there was some living reptile or some other animal in his stomach. Having arrived at the conclusion, he consulted a physician, who gave him a powerful emetic, which caused Dountain to throw up. After retching and groaning till he was black in the face, he succeeded in throwing up an immense frog, which weighed thirteen ounces. The reptile was still living after getting outside of his host's body, but died in a few minutes. Dountain's intense relief after the success of the ejection proceedings can better be imagined than described. He is rapidly regaining his lost manhood, but doesn't drink such enormous quantities of water. He keeps the frog in a jar of alcohol, and takes great pleasure in showing his strange tenant to his many curious visitors.

BREAD ON THE WATERS.

A Dinner to a Poor Man Brings Rich Returns After Many Years.

PORTLAND, Me., December 20.—Some time ago, while passing through a railroad depot in this city, the attention of H. Thatcher Clark was attracted to a feeble, poorly clad old man alighting from a train. Mr. Clark watched the stranger a few moments, he seemed bewildered, and knew not in what direction to turn. Mr. Clark made a few inquiries, and learned that the old man had arrived at a strange city, where he had not a single friend. He had no money with him. Mr. Clark invited the stranger to his residence and gave him a dinner. As soon as he had finished his meal the old man arose, said good-by and went on his way. Mr. Clark never heard from the man again until yesterday, when he received a letter from a lawyer of Chicago informing him that he had been bequeathed several thousand dollars by the old man whom he found in the depot and took home.

A Queen Who Stands on Her Dignity.

MADRID, December 20.—The Duke of Seville, who in resentment of the declaration of Queen Christina to give him an audience on Friday, publicly vilified her and predicted that ex-Queen Isabella would soon replace Christina as Queen Regent, has been arrested. The prompt action of the Government in dealing with the Duke has occasioned some circles of a sensation in military and other circles, and the impression prevails that the Duke's conduct is a reflection on the Queen and some of her advisers in favor of leniency to past political offenders, yet no public avowals tending to bring reproach upon the Queen will be tolerated for a moment.

Sentenced to the Gallows.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., December 19.—Edward Coffey, convicted of murder in the first degree, for the killing of Policeman Evans, while resisting arrest, was refused a new trial this morning, and sentenced to be hanged.

XLIXTH CONGRESS.

First Session.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—SENATE.—Bills introduced: By Mr. Teller.—To provide for the free and unlimited coinage of the silver dollar. By Senator Manderson.—Relating to pensions. It pensions all persons who served for at least one year during the late war and were discharged upon a certificate as unfit for further service. Mr. Plumb.—To provide for the payment of bounty to certain discharged soldiers of the U. S. Army. By Senator Sawyer.—To provide for the purchase of the Harbor and Lake Michigan Ship Canal and Harbor of Refuge, connecting the waters of Green Bay with Lake Michigan, in the State of Wisconsin. It appropriates \$300,000, and directs the Secretary of War to purchase the canal for the United States. By Senator Ingalls.—To provide for determining the existence and removal of inability of the President to discharge the powers and duties of his office. (It provides that on the representation of two heads of departments to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States that the President is unable to discharge the duties of his office, the Chief Justice shall convene the Court, and it shall determine the inability.) Senator Plumb.—To extend the laws of the United States relating to certain organized labor unions in the State of Kansas. A number of resolutions calling for information on special subjects from the Executive Department were introduced. Mr. Hoar's Presidential succession bill was discussed by Messrs. Maxey, Beck, Edmunds, Morgan, Call and Evans. The bill was passed by a vote of 70 yeas and 20 nays. The Senate adjourned at 4:40 p. m.

HOUSE.—Mr. Browne (Ind.) offered a resolution changing the rules so as to provide for the election of a Speaker by the House, and to increase the number of members of the House from 343 to 400. The resolution was referred to the Committee on the Constitution. Mr. Norwood (Ga.) a Senate bill was passed, removing the political disabilities of Alexander R. Lawton, of Georgia. The discussion of the proposed revision of the rules was continued by Messrs. Randall, Hancock, Burrows, Holman, Wellborn and Boutwell. Without concluding the general debate, the House adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

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HOUSE.—All proposed amendments to the new constitution, and a motion to strike out the clause distributing the appropriation was rejected—69 to 27. The remainder of the report was then agreed to. The House adjourned at 6:23 p. m.

WASHINGTON, December 19.—SENATE.—Not in session. HOUSE.—Exposition December 20, was held on the table. The Speaker announced the appointment of the Committee on Enrolled Bills. A resolution was adopted for the creation of select committees on the election of President and Vice President of the United States, on reform in the civil service, on ship-building and ship-owning interests, on alcoholic liquor traffic, and on ventilation and acoustics of the House. Mr. Tilden of Maryland, tried to get up the Senate Presidential succession bill by unanimous consent, but failed on the suggestion of Mr. Hoar that the regular course was to have the bill referred to a committee. A call of the States for the introduction of bills was objected to. Among other measures following were introduced by Mr. Brown, of Indiana: Referring to the President the controversy between the United States and Venezuela, on reform in the civil service, granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican war; increasing pensions of the survivors of the war of 1812, and granting arrears to persons pensioned by special act. The House adjourned at 1:15 p. m.

A Living Electric Battery.

YORKSTOWN, O., December 20.—Frank Burnott, aged fifteen, residing with his widowed mother, has developed powers indicating that he is an animated electric battery. He is slightly built, and on his approach chairs and tables dance, and heavy articles totter about. His natural strength could not move. He is unable to explain his unnatural power, and has always enjoyed good health. The tests made thus far show the lad to be able to do more than he has claimed. It is probable medical experts will examine him to ascertain if possible the secret of his power.

Two hundred lightning rod points have been put on the Washington Monument.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

The action of the market has been decidedly more favorable to sellers, but not equally so on all grades, though all have been firm. Dark and heavy lugs and medium leaf have been strong, and crop offerings in that category have been especially brisk and higher, advancing 75c@100 per 100 lbs., with considerable sales at a still greater advance. A spirited competition between a large New York holder and the buyer for the Spanish Regie is the source of the exceptional strength in the style described, and there is considerable conjecture as to the probable duration of the contest. The point appears to be to prevent the Spaniard from obtaining his needed supplies at cheaper prices in Louisville than in New York, and the principal fight is on new crop tobacco. Burley tobaccos of all grades have been more uniformly firm, with low and high relatively strong, and intermediate grades steady. Smoking lugs are still in active demand. We quote as follows for 1885 tobaccos of fair to good body and substance. Thin, green, and unripe tobacco sells lower.

	Dark and Heavy.	Burley.
Common lugs.....	3 25@4 00	4 00@4 50
Medium lugs.....	4 25@4 50	4 75@5 25
Good lugs.....	5 00@5 50	5 25@6 00
Common leaf.....	4 50@5 25	6 00@7 00
Medium leaf.....	5 50@6 50	7 00@8 50
Good leaf.....	6 50@7 25	9 50@11 00
Fancy leaf.....	7 50@8 50	

Miscellaneous Items.

While out hunting the other afternoon, John Shultz, of Nicholas County, near Little Shultz, attempted to draw a load out of his gun which he could not get to go off, and in so doing discharged the gun, the entire load, which was No. 4 shot, entering his head and neck, killing him instantly. It so frightened his companion that he ran home and left him lying in the woods and said nothing about it until the missing boy's father came in search of him late in the evening. Shultz was fourteen years old and the other boy ten.

At Danville, David Bogle, colored, while playing with a pistol, accidentally shot and killed his sister.

A SPECIAL from Owensboro states that there was a boiler explosion ten miles east of there a few days ago, at Williams & Jolly's saw-mill, by which Henry Farish, an employee, was killed, and Engineer Burton, John A. Pease and James Williams were wounded. Farish was employed the day before, and is unknown.

JAMES P. JONES, a farmer living near Bromley, about four miles from Covington, committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter in his barn a few days ago. He was seventy-one years of age, and had been twice married, and the objection to his third marriage evidently was the cause of the suicide. His second wife died a few years since, and recently a flame was kindled in his heart. There is a buxom German widow who resides in the neighborhood by the name of Henrietta Lilger. The old gentleman had of late been paying considerable attention to her, in fact, he dined at her house, and the matrimonial coast seemed to be clear for the old gentleman. He declared his love to the widow, and it was generally understood that he had been successful in his suit. He announced to her that they would be married on the 10th. He informed his children of the intention, and they tried to persuade him out of it. This seemed to weigh heavily on the gentleman's mind, yet he was determined to get married. He ate a hearty supper, and left the room and went out for the purpose of attending to some farming duties. He did not appear at the breakfast next morning, and a search was instituted for him. His body was found suspended from a rafter in the barn, and near it was a family arm-chair, which the old gentleman had evidently used in putting his head in the noose. His feet lacked about two inches of touching the ground. Four children survive: three sons and a daughter. The oldest son left home about eighteen years ago for the Far West, and his second son left for the same country about two years since, and neither of them have ever been heard of since. The daughter and remaining son reside in the neighborhood.

LOUISVILLE will rest with packing 100,000 hogs this season.

WM. EVANS, school teacher near Nicholasville, got possibly fatal injuries by being thrown from a horse.

OLLIE BROWN's last chance for a new trial was killed by the Court of Appeals yesterday, and he goes up for life for the murder of Geo. Freeman, Versailles, two years ago.

COURT OF APPEALS decides that Mrs. Mary C. Lucas can not legally be jailer of Daviess County, though she was fairly elected after the murder of her husband, former jailer, by a mob. She has filled the office and drawn the salary for a year.

W. F. KINO, under indictment for the wilful murder of Louis Young, on September 19 last, was found guilty in the Circuit Court at Louisville a few days since and sentenced to two years in the Frankfort Penitentiary.

The funeral of Judge James Pryor took place in Covington a few days ago. The members of the Kentucky bar attended in a body.

BURGOLARS made a raid in Louisville, a few nights ago. At the residence of Mr. Detrick Ruby they secured property to the value of \$350. At Mr. Charles Hotup's they entered by a back door and departed quietly, taking with them property to the value of \$375. Various other petty jobs, in which property aggregating \$500 was taken, were reported to the police.

KENTUCKY fourth-class postmasters were appointed the other day as follows: Central City, Muhlenburg County, J. H. Short; vice J. Alcorn, removed; Empire, Christian County, W. T. Rutland; vice G. B. Croft, removed.

Ten Baptists of Maysville have received 126 additions to the church membership through the instrumentality of a revival of seven weeks' duration.

TWO D. ANDERSON, of near Crittenden, was adjudged insane the other evening and taken to the Frankfort Asylum.

JOHN GRAHAM, brakeman on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, was crushed to death by cars at Louisville.

BIG SANDY NEWS.

LOUISA, KY.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1885.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS.

We are authorized to announce HON. GARRETT S. WALL, of Mason county, as a candidate for Congress in this 9th Congressional District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce HON. S. G. KINER, of Boyd, a candidate for Commonwealth's attorney in this Criminal District, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

We are authorized to announce Millard F. Carter as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Lawrence county, subject to the action of the Democratic Convention.

The widow of General Grant has been granted by Congress an annual pension of \$5,000.

Representative Nathan Goff, of West Virginia, has fallen heir to a fortune of half a million dollars.

Louisville has again been favored with a good slice of that enviable and toothsome dish known as appointment pudding. This time the lucky man is J. L. Frazee, and he is made a Special Agent of the Land Office, at \$2,700 a year and expenses.

Please don't ask us why we do not give the news from Congress in our columns. There is none. This thing of having Congress assemble before January 1st is a fraud—a costly joke. The old members meet and swap lies, the new ones strut around and show their manly front to the admiring galleries, several drinks are taken, and the show adjourns until after the holidays. When the mill gets down to sober work we shall endeavor to keep our readers posted as to its doings.

The death of Vice President Hendricks again brought before the people of the United States the vexed question of Presidential succession in case of death in office. Senator Hoar had a bill introduced last winter which was intended to meet such contingencies, and he announces his intention to press it this session. Mr. Randall, of the House, has prepared a bill which we think superior to the Hoar bill, having all the latter's excellencies and none of its defects. It ought to pass without any difficulty.

It provides, first, that the Presidential Electors shall hold their offices for the term of four years; second, that whenever, in case of removal, death or resignation of the President, the Vice President of the United States, the Electors shall meet in their respective States and elect another Vice President. In the same manner in case of removal, resignation, death or disability of the President and Vice President, the Electors shall elect another President and another Vice President. In the case of the removal or death of either President or Vice President, the Secretary of State shall notify the chief executives of the several States thereof and they be requested to notify the Electors to meet on the first Wednesday next ensuing after the expiration of one month from and after the notice by the Secretary of State, and shall select a President and Vice President. It provided also that in the event of the death, removal or disability both of the President and Vice President, and in case no Vice President shall have been elected, the Secretary of State shall act as President, and if there be no Secretary of State, then the office is to revert to the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of Interior, and the Postmaster General, in the order named, who shall act as Pres-

ident until an election can be had as provided in the bill, provided that no one of these officers shall be competent to act as President who would not be eligible to the Presidency of the United States under the Constitution.

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BIG SANDY NEWS LOUISA, KY.

Judge N. S. Savage
Will be at the Louisa Criminal Court, and on the first day of the term, Monday, Dec. 28th, at one o'clock, announce himself formally as a candidate for Congress. He wants every person in the county to hear him.

Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Snyder, a girl.

The river is again low, and the boats are laying up.

John Stewart is home from Ann Arbor for the holidays.

Mrs. R. F. Vinson has gone to Nazareth to visit Miss Dora.

Monday was County Court day, and the attendance was large.

Miss Inez Frank has gone to Indianapolis to spend the holidays.

Rev. Burwell Akers will preach at the Masonic Hall next Sunday night.

Next Monday will be the first day of the December term of the Lawrence Criminal Court.

The Baptist Sunday School of Cassville will have a Christmas free Thursday evening.

If 'out of sorts' with headache, stomach disorder, torpid liver, pain in back or side, constipation, etc., neglect may be fatal. One dose of **Strom's Sanative Pills** will give relief. A few doses restore to new health and vigor.

The Sunday School of the M. E. Church South will have a Christmas tree Thursday evening at the church.

Apperson Lodge No. 195 will hold a meeting for the election of officers at one o'clock, p. m. Saturday.

A substantial stile has been made across the public fence, opposite the front door of the Court House.

FOR SALE.—Two fat beef cattle, kept about three quarters of a mile from Walbridge, Ky.

J. B. PETERS.

Misses Gipsy Northup, Lizzie Burns and Norah Borders returned from the Wesleyan College, Cincinnati, Saturday.

We see that a post office has been established at Ohioville, Lawrence county, Kentucky. Now, where in the thunder is Ohioville?

We learn that it is the intention of Louisa Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to give an entertainment some time in February, for the benefit of the Chapter. An elegant supper, a concert and a hop will be given.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS who have been running accounts with us—We are anxious to get all accounts settled up by the first of January, as we expect to make some change in our business at that time,
SNYDER BROS.

On her trip down last Friday the Ingomar had on board three members of the notorious Talt Hall gang. A reward of \$500 each was paid for the capture of these men. They were in charge of a sheriff of Floyd county, who was taking them to Maysville for safe-keeping.

Lewis Skaggs, the Lawrence county giant, was in town this week. We have seen bigger men, Baby Bates, for instance, but Lewis is a pretty good sized chunk of humanity. He twenty-four years old, is six feet and seven inches high, and weighs three hundred and six and one-half pounds.

A WALKING SKELETON.

Mr. E. Springer, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., writes: "I was afflicted with lung fever and abscess on lungs, and reduced to a walking skeleton. Got a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which did me so much good that I bought a dollar bottle. After using three bottles, found myself once more a man, completely restored to health, with hearty appetite, and a gain in flesh of 48 pounds."

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My beautiful, crimson rose.
Swayed on the stalk by the wind that blows
Sweet with the breath of my rose.
Round it, in liquid sweetness, flows
The robin's song to my rose.
O'er it bends the sky that glows
With tints like the heart of my rose.
Softly the night's still shadows close
In silence around my rose.

Though an open door is a sudden light
Flung out on the still, dark night.
She stands in the glory, serene and bright,
My queen of the summer night.
Charmed by the darkness too deep for sighs
She passes out into the night.
How soft she moves, like a faint, far light.
In her trailing gown through the night.
And now she has bent in a swift delight
Toward the breath of a rose in the night.

I know what the darkness holds for me
In its still embrace,
Though that sweet white face
Bent over the rose, I cannot see.
Shall I bring from the shadows into the light
My beautiful rose,
To blossom close
To my beating heart to-night?

I stand by her side in the fragrant gloom,
And, lo! on her breast,
My rose lies blest,
In its red and passionate bloom!
Oh pale, lovely face, so pure and white,
To my heart so close!
A white and a crimson rose
For my own I have gathered to-night.

Jessie Pierson.

Call for Committee Meeting.

The Chairman of the Democratic Committees in the counties composing the 16th Judicial District are called to meet at Louisa, Ky., on Wednesday, the 30th day of December, 1885, to fix the time and place for calling a district convention to nominate candidates for Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney in the 16th Judicial District.

JAS. Q. LACKEY,

Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 16th Judicial District of Kentucky.

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Ah! in addition to the above I will respectfully ask all who are indebted to me, to call on or before Jan. 1st, and pay their bills.
Your most truly
D. J. BURCHETT.

Mr. G. W. Castle has returned from a visit to Washington City, where he spent some weeks in search of a piece of Presidential or other appointment. As he is a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat, and hails from Eastern Kentucky, and not a Mugwump, he didn't get anything at the Cap to. On his way home, however, he fell from the top berth of a sleeper, and being a man of weight, when his right eye came in contact with the rail of the berth on the opposite side it was cut and badly bruised.

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H. T. Lytleton's School will begin at Masonic Hall, Louisa Ky., on Monday January 4th 1886. Special attention given to training persons desiring to teach. Terms: Tuition \$2 to \$3 per month, payable always at close of month. Telegraphy and Shorthand, extra \$5 per term. Board in private families \$2.50 to \$3 per week, in clubs \$1.50 per week. Those wishing to board in clubs will bring with them a pair of blankets and a quilt or two. For further information address H. T. LYTLETON, Louisa Ky.

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Saved My Life,

and also the life of my little son. As he is troubled with Croup, I dare not be without this remedy in the house." Mrs. J. Gregg, Lowell, Mass., writes: "My children have repeatedly taken Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for Coughs and Croup. It gives immediate relief, followed by cure." Mrs. Mary E. Evans, Scranton, Pa., writes: "I have two little boys, both of whom have been, from infancy, subject to violent attacks of Croup. About six months ago we began using Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and it acts like a charm. In a few minutes after the child takes it, he breathes easily and rests well. Every mother ought to know what a blessing I have found in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral." Mrs. Wm. C. Reid, Freehold, N.J., writes: "In our family, Ayer's medicine has been a blessing for many years. In cases of Colds and Coughs, we take

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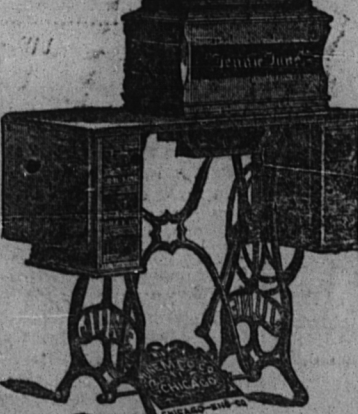
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Purifier

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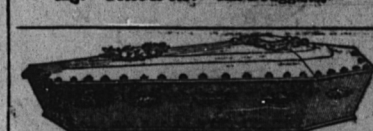
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CONTENTMENT.

We war gittin' on to'able well—
Matilda, the children and me—
If we didn't cut much of a swell,
We were as satisfied as could be.
There war plenty to do in them times,
An' though I wa'n't so very big pay,
We managed to save a few dimes,
On our dollar 'n' a quarter a day.

But there came a rich banker along,
An' he built a house over the way,
Then ev'rything seemed to go wrong,
With Matilda an' me 'n' that day—
Our cottage got dreadfully small,
An' we wanted, as never before,
A porch, an' bay-window, an' hall,
An' our name on a plate on the door.

Now, I never was much on advice,
But there's one thing I reckon I know:
When a man's got enough to suffice,
He'd better just keep along so.
An' mind his own business alone,
An' not give his jealousy vent,
For the best thing a poor man can own
Is a lot of good natured content.

—Eugene Field, in Chicago News.

TOOTHACHE CURES.

What a Loving Little Wife, Aided by
Sympathizing Friends, Did to Alleviate Her
Husband's Anguish.

A young, newly-married Denver man went to his home on Velton street the other night, taking with him a severe case of toothache. As soon as he got into the house he threw himself into an easy chair and began to groan. At about the same time his face on the side where the aching tooth had many years before attained a home-stead began to swell. In about thirty minutes his left cheek bore a strong resemblance to an old-fashioned apple dumpling.



prepared by the hands of a generous mother for a large family. The more the jaw enlarged the louder the young man howled and rolled about in his chair. His wife was several years younger than he, and her sole experience with the toothache had hitherto been limited to one or two mild attacks caused by an excessive consumption of caramels. She had usually cured her pain with creosote, and as soon as Charley had found time between his groans to tell her what was the matter with him she got the creosote bottle and told him to open his mouth and let her see the tooth which was troubling him. He complied, but as she could not tell by the looks which one of the teeth was making the trouble, and as Charley could not enlighten her, she thought she'd better pour a little of the stuff into the neighborhood of where she thought it probable that the tooth was located.

Just as she got this idea into her head she happened to think that there was another toothache panacea in the house. It was in a small phial, which a peddler had left there for trial.

She thought that it would be a good plan to mix a little of this stuff with the creosote and pour the mixture upon the infected jaw. So she made a nice little combination in a tablespoon, and telling Charley to open his mouth she poured it in. She was a little excited and nervous, and her hand shook, and so the fluid penetrated to every nook and corner of the young man's food receptacle. There was a yell of agony which awoke every dog in the neighborhood, and Charley performed a hornpipe in the mid-



die of the floor, and accompanied it with a series of words, the majority of which his wife had never heard before.

It was an hour before Charley got quieted sufficiently to sit down, and about that time a lady member ventured to ask if he had sickness in the family. She was told of the affliction which had overtaken Charley, and she was all sympathy at once. She said she would cure the trouble was to make cold applications upon the outside of the cheek.

So she went home, and Charley's wife made a neat little bag and filled it with chopped ice, and then tied it on his face with a long red stocking.

This had the effect of changing the pain, and made Charley feel as though he were having needles thrust into his brain.

He could feel the hair stand upright on the top of his head, and his eyes protruded from their sockets to such an extent that his wife thought that Charley was going crazy.

Pretty soon the ice began to melt and to drip down upon Charley's shirt bosom, and to meander around his collar, and course slowly down his spine, and Charley in his delirium felt as though he had been fishing and fallen overboard. Then he began to pace up and down the room, and kick the footstools, and stare out of the windows, and look unkindly at the cat; and just at this juncture a friend of Charley and Mrs. Charley arrived.

His name was Arthur, and he had been a drug clerk before he became a duke, and in consequence his intimate friends all called him "Doctor."

He was much interested when he heard how his friend was suffering and he smiled a superior smile when Charley's wife explained what she had done for him. What was needed, he said, was counter-irritant. The tooth and the interior of the mouth were inflamed, and there was undoubtedly fever there. A hot plaster of some kind upon the outside would be just the thing. He said that if Charley's wife would get him the materials he would prepare something which would ease the pain almost immediately. So they all went to the kitchen and Arthur turned back and forth and began work. First he ripped open the bag which contained the ice and laid it out flat.

Then he put on a coating of mustard and moistened it with hot water.

Then he put on a layer of red pepper and then sprinkled the whole with water, so that it made a nice thick paste. He tied that upon Charley's face and then put a bandage soaked with hot water over that, and then he tied the red stocking on once more. Then he went home and Charley went to bed. During a period of about twenty minutes after Arthur had bowed himself out, Mrs. Charley was a firm believer in school. Charley made her believe it. He howled, he swore, he danced and he stood upon his head. His wife at first asked him "if it ached worse." Then she didn't dare get within speaking distance of him until in a moment of wild frenzy he tore the plaster from his face and dashed it at a picture of "Two Chrubs," which was hanging upon the wall.

Then Charley fainted and she had a chance to look at his face. There was the swelling, the mustard, the pepper and a two days' beard all mixed together. The removal of the plaster had also caused the secession of a considerable section of cuticle, and take it altogether it did not look like the same face which Charley's wife used to think "too sweet for anything." She thought that his face must be sore, and she remembered that once when she was a little girl she burned her finger one day and her mother put some cold molasses on the injured member, and that took all the pain away. So she took the syrup pitcher and poured its contents on Charley's face.

Two ladies who lived down the block called just then to see who had been injured in the house, as they had thought they heard somebody groan there. One of these, when she found out the cause of the trouble, said that sweet oil and lime-water was good for burns. She had some all prepared at home, and she kindly offered to go and get it. While she was gone the other lady thought that flour was good for burns, so they threw a handful of breadstuffs upon the molasses. Then the other lady came with the sweet oil and lime-water mixture, and they poured that on. Just then the family washerwoman called to see if they wanted to have their washing done the following day. As Charley still seemed to "suffer some pain," they asked the washerwoman, who was old and Irish, and they thought ought to be wise, as to what to do. She thought that "bluening" was the best thing in the world, and so they added another color to Charley's face.

Well, the two ladies stayed with Charley's wife that night, and they have since



declared that Charley is the worst-tempered man whom they ever saw. Charley is better now, but he says that he will not get out of the house for a month to come unless he wears a mask. —Denver Tribune-Republican.

A MONGOOSE.

An American Tale About a Useful Indian Bird.

In India the mongoose is the great ally of the native in his constant strife with snakes. Of the mongoose there is a tale, sufficiently familiar, no doubt, and yet apt in its application. In an American railway carriage there once journeyed a quiet gentleman, having between his feet a basket of peculiar shape. An inquisitive stranger asked him what the basket might contain. "It contains a mongoose," was the answer. "And what is a mongoose," the stranger queried. "A mongoose," the gentleman replied, "is an East Indian animal that kills snakes." "And what might you want a mongoose for now?" continued the inquisitive stranger. "I have a brother-in-law who has been a little too fond of tangle-foot whisky, and sometimes he sees snakes, and so I am taking this mongoose to him to kill the snakes." The inquisitive stranger hesitated a moment, and then he said: "But those are not real snakes your brother-in-law sees?" "I know it," returned the quiet gentleman, "and this is not a real mongoose." —Christian Union.

Wit Misplaced.
"Ma, I don't like the teacher in our school."
"Why not, Johnnie? I thought she was so kind to you."
"Well, she used to be, but she don't appreciate my genius."

"Good gracious, Johnnie! What do you mean?"
"Why, I'm cultivating my genius. I'm a-going to be a great American humorist. So to-day, when the teacher asked me where they sent Napoleon into exile, I just gave her a witty answer."

"Where did you say they sent him into exile?"
"I said: 'To Philadelphia, because that's where people are buried alive.'"

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A WONDERFUL GROWTH.

Some Carefully-Compiled Statistics of General Interest Relative to the Rapid Increase in Population and Wealth of the More Northern Portions of the Great Northwest.

The late reports from the Executive officials of the great States and Territories of the Northwest show a surprising growth in population and wealth. This important region comprises the rich agricultural and grazing States and Territories of Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

MINNESOTA.
The returns from the Minnesota census taken in May, 1885, show a population in the State of 1,117,798. In 1880 it was 780,773. The assessed value of property in Minnesota is \$401,028,587; in 1880 it was \$258,055,543; increase, \$142,973,044.

The cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the largest and most important business metropolises of the State, and in fact of the entire Northwest, show an unprecedented growth. They are situated so near each other that their corporate limits now join, and form a great commercial center. They are about equal in size, and their combined population by the census of May, 1885, was 240,597; in 1880 it was 88,060, increase, 152,537. The capacity of the flouring mills is 30,000 barrels of flour a day. Wheat received last year, 32,438,222 bushels; elevator capacity, 8,500,000 bushels; cut of lumber, 300,724,379 feet; new buildings erected, 4,848; real estate sales, \$29,435,880.

Duluth and Superior, at the head of Lake Superior, separated only by the Bay of St. Louis, form an important commercial metropolis. Their population is upwards of 20,000, and next to Chicago they are the greatest shipping points for wheat in the West, having an elevator capacity of 8,000,000 bushels.

DAKOTA.
Dakota shows a remarkable growth in population, and by the development of only a small portion of its great agricultural resources shows a large increase in the number of farms, products of the soil and live stock. The returns of the Territorial census taken in June, 1885, and the report of Governor Pierce to the Secretary of the Interior for 1885, compared with the census of 1880, show the growth of the Territory:

	1880.	1885.
Population.....	138,190	415,674
Wheat, bushels.....	2,830,399	38,106,412
Corn.....	2,940,994	1,900,513
Oats.....	2,217,132	6,700,008
Barley.....	277,424	2,170,000
Potatoes.....	664,086	3,808,850
Flax.....	308,076	1,537,978
Hay, tons.....	450,482	3,302,388
Acresage of the cereals.....	17,435	157,707,918
Farms, No. of.....	42,042	138,807,567
Valuation.....	\$29,435,880	\$401,028,587
Farm implements, val.....	2,380,091	13,807,567
Live stock, valuation.....	6,465,274	40,528,767
Farm products, val.....	5,608,314	30,808,113
Horses and mules, No.....	44,373	214,627
Cattle, No.....	144,139	716,155
Hogs, No.....	12,129	235,184
Sheep, No.....	134,114	348,228
Wool, pounds.....	2,000,955	882,009
Butter.....	2,000,955	10,804,200

The census returns of Dakota show a larger per cent. of growth in the number of inhabitants, farms and manufactures in the northern half of the Territory than in the southern half, viz:

	1880.	1885.	Per Cent. Increase.
Inhabitants, No.....	57,447	153,149	270
Farms, No.....	4,591	32,911	710
Manufactures, No.....	45	612	1280

SOUTH DAKOTA.
Inhabitants, No..... 97,734 202,515 105
Farms, No..... 13,414 49,036 270
Manufactures, No..... 205 442 114

MONTANA.
The report of Hon. S. T. Hauser, Governor of Montana, to the Secretary of the Interior, October, 1885, estimates the present population of the Territory at 110,000; the population in 1880 was 39,157; increase, 70,843. The report estimates the value of the silver, gold, copper and lead exports at \$20,250,000; live cattle, 75,000 head, valued at \$4,500,000; and of wool, 6,000,000 pounds, valued at \$1,400,000. The number of cattle now in the Territory is placed at 900,000 head; sheep, 1,200,000 head, and horses, 120,000 head.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.
Washington Territory has experienced a rapid growth, since the construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad has made accessible its rich agricultural districts. The population has increased from 75,120 in 1880 to 175,000 in 1885. The Territory is free from debt with \$17,901.81 in the treasury, and the assessed valuation of property in 1884 was \$51,008,484.

GOVERNMENT LANDS.
The reports from the United States General Land Office for 1883, 1884 and 1885 give the aggregate amount of Government lands entered in the entire United States for that period at 54,076,432 acres, of which 29,350,351 acres, or 55 per cent. of the acreage, was taken up by settlers in the six Northwest States and Territories, viz:

In Minnesota.....	2,820,002 acres.
Dakota.....	17,394,294 "
Montana.....	2,180,753 "
Idaho.....	1,768,741 "
Washington.....	2,000,653 "
Oregon.....	1,862,812 "
Total.....	29,350,351 acres.

This large quantity of Government lands entered in addition to the lands sold by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company indicates a large movement of settlers to this region of country.

Public lands remaining undisposed of in these States and Territories:

In Minnesota.....	20,638,789 acres.
Dakota.....	51,008,002 "
Montana.....	15,768,741 "
Idaho.....	50,109,909 "
Washington.....	33,121,266 "
Oregon.....	45,075,094 "
Total.....	224,322,901 acres.

One of the chief factors contributing more largely than any other to the rapid settlement in this region was the building of the Northern Pacific Railroad through these important States and Territories. Its construction was made possible by the liberal grant of lands made for that purpose by the general Government. The line was opened for through traffic about two years ago, and considering the progress already made in developing the rich agricultural, grazing, timber, mineral and other native resources of the broad belt of country which it traverses, it is safe to predict that at no distant day this portion of the West will count its inhabitants by millions, and the amount of wealth its people will realize can scarcely be estimated.

CERAMICS.

How Fashionable Chicago Girls Spend Their Leisure Hours.

So popular have ceramics become in Chicago that a pottery has been established here which turns out a great deal of very creditable ware. Underglazed faience ware and decorations in paste are done at this pottery, although a good deal of Limoges brought from Ohio is used in the work. It arrives, of course, in a crude state, and it takes some time to reduce it to proper form. It is first "washed" in a plunger until it is dissolved. Then it is run through a fine silk lawn, which catches all the impurities, in the shape of pebbles and grit, and leaves the pure clay. This is allowed to settle in a vat until the water rises to the top. This is then skimmed off, leaving the clay about the consistency of putty. A fire is kindled under it, which evaporates any remaining moisture, and the clay is ready for use.

The potter then "bats out" the clay, which he uses like a sheet of pie-crust, and by means of a plaster of paris mold forms into any desired shape. The plaster absorbs the moisture in the clay, and the form is thereby simply "shrunk out" of the mold. The shape is yet soft, and in this condition it passes into the hands of the decorator.

It may be decorated in several ways. It may be painted with a mineral color, which is mixed with soft clay, or "slip," to give it a body which will neutralize with the clay while burning, or flowers may be modeled in relief upon it, or it may be carved. There are three kinds of carving—relief, intaglio, and what is called "tracing," on a picked background.

After passing through the decorative process the form is carefully dipped into a vat of glaze—a chemical composition the combination of which is a secret. This gives the finish or surface. The piece must then be allowed to dry thoroughly, for should it contain any moisture when put into the kiln, steam would be generated and the form broken. When dry the form is subjected to a fierce heat for eighteen hours in a brick-up kiln, and when it comes out of the furnace it is underglazed faience.

A great many young ladies busy themselves at this pretty work. They design original figures for tiles, and they also make many useful little articles, such as creamers, side dishes, urns, vases, water-bottles and chocolate pots. Pupils receive instructions at the pottery, and when able to paint are provided with the moist forms, which they decorate at pleasure. A slight fee is charged to cover the expense of burning, and when the shape comes out of the furnace it belongs to the decorator. —Chicago News.

Five million pounds of dynamite are used annually for blasting purposes in the territory west of the Missouri River.

Three Quotations.
When a man is hanging, cut him down, then go through his pockets. —Texas Post.
When a man is coughing give him Red Star Cough Cure. —Baltimore News.

When you want to conquer pain, use St. Jacobs Oil. —Philadelphia News.

BRIGMAN YOUNG acquired the title of General from having been called "Briggy dear," so often by his numerous wives. —N. Y. Independent.

"The Proper Study of Mankind is Man," says the illustrious Pope. If he had in cluded women in the list, he would have been nearer the truth, if not so poetical. Dr. R. V. Pierce has made them both a life study, especially women, and the peculiar derangements to which her delicate system is liable. Many women in the land who are acquainted with Dr. Pierce's only through his "Favorite Prescription," bless him with all their hearts, for he has brought them the panacea for all those chronic ailments peculiar to their sex; such as leucorrhoea, prolapsus and other displacements, ulceration, internal fever, bloating, tendency to internal cancer, and other ailments. Price reduced to one dollar. By druggists.

Don't growl when the doctor orders bark. —National Weekly.

Young Men, Read This.
THE VOLTA BELT Co., of Marshall, Mich., offer to send their celebrated ELECTRO-VOLTA BELT and other ELECTRIC APPLIANCES on trial for 30 days, to men (young or old) afflicted with nervous debility, loss of vitality and all kindred troubles. Also for rheumatism, neuralgia, paralysis, and many other diseases. Complete restoration, to health, vigor, and manhood guaranteed. No risk incurred, as 30 days' trial is allowed. Write them at once for illustrated pamphlet, free.

A new-sing entertainment—Cat concert. —N. Y. Morning Journal.

THE MARKETS.
CINCINNATI, December 21, 1885.

LIVE STOCK—Cattle—Common.....	3 75	4 25
Choice Butcher.....	3 75	4 25
Good Common.....	3 00	3 50
Good Packers.....	3 75	4 25
HOGS—Good to choice.....	3 25	3 50
POULTRY—Family.....	4 00	4 25
GRAIN—Wheat—Long berry red.....	94	95
No. 2 red.....	92 1/2	93
Corn—No. 2 mixed.....	35 1/2	37
Oats—No. 2 mixed.....	30	31 1/4
Rye—No. 2.....	12 50	13 1/2
HAY—Timothy No. 1.....	10 50	11 00
TOBACCO—Common Lugs.....	9 50	10 00
Good Mediums.....	10 00	10 50
PROVISIONS—Pork—Mess.....	10 25	10 50
Lard—Prime steam.....	15	16
BUTTER—Fancy Dairy.....	15	16
Ohio Creamery.....	12 1/2	13
APPLES—Prime.....	28	32
POTATOES—per barrel.....	1 50	1 65

NEW YORK.

FLLOUR—State and Western..... \$5 00

GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2..... 97 1/2

No. 2 red..... 92 1/2

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Oats—No. 2 mixed..... 30

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